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COMMISSIONERS MEET

Much Important Business Transacted by the Board

WILL ADVERTISE LEON CO.

One Hundred Dollars Appropriated for that Purpose.

The Board of Commissioners of Leon county held their regular monthly session in the court house Tuesday. Those present were: L. C. Yager, chairman, Commissioners W. D. Stoutamire, W. L. Moor, E. C. Smith and W. J. Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered paid, warrants for the several amounts being drawn, signed and sealed by the clerk and countersigned by the chairman in open board:

County poor, \$94; C. A. Bryan, county auditor, \$50; G. W. Hale, janitor, \$20; Tallahassee Lumber Mfg. Co., armory, \$30; G. W. Hale, help circuit court, \$5.25; R. A. Whitfield, coroner fees, \$9.32; J. D. Perkins, jurors and witness coroner's inquest, \$19.20; C. A. Bryan, clerk's fees, \$182.98; R. A. Whitfield, fees lunacy case, \$2; Dr. H. E. Palmer, fees lunacy case, \$2; B. B. Kelley, fees lunacy case, \$1; Jas. A. Craig, fees lunacy case, \$1; Capital City L. & T. Co., gas and coke, \$13.60; J. E. Williams, measuring road, \$7.25; Gilmore & Davis, road implements and lumber, \$11.20; A. B. Vance, paper fasteners, \$1.54; C. A. Bryan, clerk's fees, \$99.80; W. R. Wilson, mdse for court, \$2.50; W. T. Maize, measuring and posting road, \$4.50; E. F. Gray, rep. bridge, \$1; R. A. Whitfield, examining lunatic, \$2; Dr. W. F. Robertson, examining lunatic, \$2; T. P. Strickland, lunacy com., \$1; T. W. Wilson, lunacy com., \$1; T. Stephenson, rep. on jail, \$4.50; C. A. Bryan, court fees, \$11.10; Fla. State Reform School, board Peter Watson, \$12.50; J. B. Conner, J. P. fees, \$4.75; J. B. Conner, jurors and witnesses, J. P. court, \$6.50; D. F. Gramling, spec. const., \$2.75; Jack Blake, const. fees, \$5.45; R. A. Whitfield, rep. license, \$0.05; G. W. Hale, amt. for wood, \$3.85; J. D. Perkins, cms. co. treas., \$83.83; R. A. Whitfield, wit. fees, \$1.50; O. Chaires, J. P. fees, \$2.80; O. Chaires, wit. fees, J. P. court, \$4.50; J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees, \$11.20; R. A. Whitfield, co. judge fees, \$30.08; J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees, \$11.15; R. A. Whitfield, co. judge fees, \$4.06; J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees, \$7.80; J. A. Pearce, feeding prisoners, \$64.80; J. A. Pearce, costs, etc., circuit court, \$48.83; J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees, \$4.15; J. A. Pearce, fees lunacy cases, \$10.65; J. A. Pearce, bailiffs, etc., circuit court, \$78.35; First National Bank, \$41.20; Tallahassee Drug Co., drugs for county, \$1.15; L. C. Yager, bridge L. Creek, \$4.40; Bernard & Damon, amount paid building bridge, etc., \$16.00; W. T. Bannerman, surveying lamonia slough, \$19.; J. A. Pearce, for bailiffs at circuit court, \$8.75; C. W. Clark, ink, mucilage, etc., \$1.00; Ball, Demilly & Co., mdse., \$3.90; Weekly Tallahasseean printing, \$4; Levy Bros., mdse., \$2.50; Bernard & Damon, engineers, \$50; B. F. Page, J. P. fees, \$1.60; C. R. Langston, const. fees, \$8.60; L. C. Yager, mdse., \$6.36; O. Bernard, game warden, \$80; Trustees Leon Co. Bonds Com., \$179.68.

A communication was received from the Executive Department, calling the attention of the board to section 5, chapter 4670, Laws of Florida, 1899, which was read, and the clerk ordered to furnish the State Board of Pensions a certified list of all pensioners of this county, and to publish said list two insertions in a newspaper published in the city of Tallahassee.

Permission was granted John A. Pearce, sheriff to examine a prisoner now in Hancock's convict camp, for the purpose of identifying said prisoner as a person wanted for some more serious charge at some other place, and if found to be such take possession of said convict and confine him in the county jail to await further proceedings.

The report of S. P. Chaires and others appointed to examine and report upon the road to be changed near the Bradwell place, was approved, and the clerk ordered to give 30 days' notice of the changing of said road, as required by section 4, chapter 3338, Laws of Florida.

A bill was presented to the board by citizens of Miccosuki, asking the county to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the burial of a negro man who had died near that place. For some time before death the man had been endeavoring to have his name placed on the pauper list, but his efforts had proven a failure. After some discussion of the subject, the commissioners rejected the bill. Their grounds for refusing to allow the claim were that its payment would be in conflict with a resolution passed by the board at a previous meeting.

The next business before the board was the question of advertising the county in the Sunday Times-Union and Citizen. M. J. A. Edmondson, a member of the committee appointed by the City Council, appeared before the board in the interest of the plan. After explaining his position, he stated

the City Council had agreed to take the front page of the Times-Union and Citizen, for which the city would pay \$150, and asked the county to take the second page, which could be obtained for \$100. He was confident that the money would be well spent, stating further that the entire cost of the illustrations and write-up would be included in the price paid for the page.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Edmondson urged upon the commissioners the great advantages to the city and county that would result from such an advertisement. As an extra inducement, he said that in addition to going to all the regular subscribers of the Times-Union and Citizen, the commissioners will receive 500 extra copies of the paper. The write-up will appear some time in February.

Commissioner J. W. Johnson was opposed to the proposition. It was his opinion that if money were to be spent in advertising the county it should be spent at home. He said that Tallahassee had a first-class weekly and an up-to-date daily, both of which were constantly working for the advancement of the county's interests, and was of the opinion that the money should not be sent away from home, when it could be spent profitably with the papers in our midst.

Councilman Edmondson endeavored to explain to Mr. Johnson that the advantages to this section would not be near so great were the money to be spent with the home papers, as their circulation could not compare with the Jacksonville papers. According to Mr. Edmondson, it was Mr. Stockton's sincere desire to help this entire section of the State, and bring its advantages prominently before the world. To this end, a very liberal offer had been made, the price asked being even below the regular advertising rates.

Commissioner Johnson was not of the opinion that the county would be given more than it paid for, as the Times-Union and Citizen was not in business to give something for nothing. He could not understand why the above paper was so anxious to boom this section now, and advertise its wonderful advantages and resources to the world, when only a few months ago this was described as the most barren and worthless section of Florida. Mr. Johnson said that the Times-Union and Citizen was after the State Capital then, and could not think of anything good to say about us. But since Tallahassee has taken the capital he did not think that we should impose upon good nature by asking Mr. Stockton to give two or three hundred dollars worth of work for a paltry hundred dollars.

Commissioners Yager and Moor favored the proposition, and were of the opinion that it would be money well spent. After some further discussion, Commissioner Moor moved that the county accept the second page for the sum of \$100, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Stoutamire. Upon a vote being taken Commissioners Moor and Stoutamire voted aye, and Commissioners Smith and Johnson voted nay. The chairman cast his ballot nay. The chairman had the deciding for the motion.

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SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers, Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

WANTS MORE FACTORIES.

Dr. Carn Talks About Factories and Good Roads.

Dr. J. M. Carn, one of Leon's leading practitioners, was in Tallahassee Tuesday from his home at Centerville. The doctor is possessed of a strongly-rooted faith in the future of Leon county. To the Tallahasseean man he said:

"I wish to commend the Tallahasseean for the advanced stand it has taken in booming this section. We want more factories in Tallahassee, the more the better. We want anything that will bring consumers to this section, that is, people, who will consume what the farmers raise. Every citizen in the city should rush to the Tallahasseean's assistance, and use their utmost influence to secure any manufacturing enterprise that will give employment to the unemployed.

"Another thing I am strongly in favor of is a bond issue for road building. Good roads will enhance the value of every farm in the county. They will enable the farmers to haul loads one hundred per cent. larger than they can ordinarily haul, and they can make more trips in a day, with less worry to the horses and stock, and greater saving to wagons and other vehicles.

"My wife is a strong advocate of good roads, too. She has just returned from a two weeks' visit with friends in Ocala, and since seeing the good roads down there is stronger in the faith than ever. It is not only the farmers who should work for road improvement. The merchants and citizens generally are benefited, and they should all work together for good roads."

WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR

with the deep, hoarse bark, grimly called a "grave-yard cough." It is the cry of the tortured lungs for mercy. Give them mercy in the form of Allen's Lung Balm, a remedy for pulmonary trouble, so highly esteemed that it is recommended even in the earlier stages of consumption. In the later stages mortal skill is unavailing. Nobody can afford to neglect a cold.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STATE FINANCES

The Session Was Purely a Business Meeting

MARKET STALL PROTEST REDUCE THREE MILL TAX

Don't Want Special Privileges Granted to Any One Person.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council last night was a business affair from start to finish, and was attended by a full membership. Those present and answering to the roll call were: Chairman F. W. Armstrong and Councilmen A. C. Spiller, L. M. Lively, Julius Ball, T. H. Randolph, J. A. Edmondson, L. C. Yager, C. W. Perkins and W. F. Quail.

The meeting was opened by Mr. J. T. Meginniss appearing before the Council on behalf of a number of stall owners in the city market. He presented a petition protesting against the market committee granting special privileges to L. C. Carter by renting him the two choice stalls for \$30 per month, when the price is \$25 each. He urged that if Mr. Carter received this reduction of 40 per cent. in his rent the other renters were entitled to the same reduction. After discussing the question the Council took a recess to enable members to go down and see what privileges had been granted Mr. Carter. Action was postponed to be taken up under the head of general business.

Senator A. S. Mann appeared before the Council and made a few remarks in the interest of the Tallahassee Southern Railroad Company. In asking for terminal privileges in the city, he stated that the company was perfectly willing that the city take all the safeguards necessary to protect itself, but hoped action would be taken as soon as possible, as the directors were anxious to go to work at once. Councilman Edmondson made a motion that the matter be referred to the ordinance committee, to report at a called meeting next Wednesday night. Mr. Quail seconded the motion, first wishing it to be understood that the Council was in favor of granting the lease provided a suitable ordinance be drawn up. Motion carried.

Councilman Lively, chairman of the fire committee, made a report recommending the purchase of a suitable wagon and apparatus for the fire company, at a cost of \$450. On motion Councilman Ball the report was accepted and committee empowered to act.

The market stall question was not taken up and Councilman Lively moved that Mr. Carter's status be restored to original condition and be rented for \$25 per month each. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spiller, when Mr. Lively amended by adding that the stalls be enlarged and put in good condition. Carried.

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THERE ARE SOME SIMPLE REMEDIES.

Indispensable in any family. Among these, the experience of years assures us, should be recorded Painkiller. For both internal and external applications we have found it of great value; especially can we recommend it for colds, rheumatism, or fresh wounds and bruises.—Christian Era. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'. Price 25c and 50c.

THE CONTEST.

The voting contest for the most popular young lady in Tallahassee up to this morning stands as follows:
Gussie Chittenden 23
Fannie Shutan 19
Pearl McCord 5
Blanche Parret 1
Bessie Saxon 1
Clifford Carroll 1
Better send your coupons in and let them be counted.

NOTHING ELSE SO SURE.

Mothers who give their little ones Mother's Worm Syrup give them the nicest tasting and most effective worm medicine made.

Most Popular Young Lady IN TALLAHASSEE.

I vote for—

Cut coupon out and return to this office directed to "Coupon Contest Editor Tallahasseean, Tallahassee, Fla." The successful contestant will be given a handsome gold watch, now on exhibition at Sweeting's Jewelry Store. It is no cheap watch, but one of the best. Call at Sweeting's and see it.

STATE FINANCES

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MARKET STALL PROTEST REDUCE THREE MILL TAX

Don't Want Special Privileges Granted to Any One Person.

The following communications, touching as they do on the finances of Florida, will be read with interest by the people of the State. They show that Florida is in a very prosperous condition, and that the future outlook is extremely bright. One gratifying feature of the conditions touched upon is the recommendation and decision to reduce the 3 mills tax for general revenue purposes to 2½ mills. The letters follow:

Treasury Department, State of Florida, Comptroller's Office, Tallahassee, Dec. 31, 1901.

Hon. W. S. Jennings, Governor of the State of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.: Sir—A careful review of the financial condition of the State is a source of congratulation to the people of the State.

The appropriations made by the Legislature at the regular session for 1901 for the two years from July 1st, 1901, to July 1st, 1903, to be paid from the General Revenue Fund exceed those made for the two previous years by more than \$320,000.00. This would necessitate an increase in the tax levy, if relief could not be found in an increase of revenues from other sources than taxation, and in a reduction of the current expenses of the State.

In refunding the State bonds heretofore bearing 6 and 7 per cent. interest in 3 per cent. bonds, there will be an annual saving of more than \$30,000.00. The deficiency in 1900 of \$35,000.00 in maintenance of the insane is not likely to again occur, nor will we in the ordinary range of probability be called upon for over \$22,000.00 for the relief and protection of a fire stricken portion of our State.

The annual expenses attending tax sales have been greatly reduced and all expenses have been curtailed to the lowest possible point consistent with safe administration.

The total revenue producing property for which taxes can be collected is increasing and will be over a half million dollars larger this year than last. The receipts from licenses and other smaller sources not derived from tax levies are steadily growing, and while the balance in the General Revenue Fund is somewhat smaller than it was a year ago, nearly all of the very extraordinary appropriations for the last six months of 1901 have been met and there is still a balance of \$190,482.12.

The appropriation for the Capitol improvement will require very little more than the expenses of a Legislative session, and as both will not have to be met the same year there is an opportunity to give some relief to the tax payers.

The law provides for a levy of 3 mills for general revenue purposes and authorizes the Governor to reduce the same as low as he may deem advisable.

In view of the facts above stated, I earnestly recommend for your consideration that the 3 mills authorized for general revenue purposes by the Legislature be, by executive order, reduced to 2½ mills for the year 1902.

Yours respectfully,

A. C. CROOM, Comptroller.

State of Florida, Executive Department, Tallahassee, Jan. 8th, 1902. Hon. A. C. Croom, Comptroller of the State of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.:

My Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated December 31st, 1901, in reference to the financial condition of the State at the close of the year, and note that you find from a general review of the financial condition that, notwithstanding the extraordinary appropriations made by the Legislature at the regular session of 1901, to be paid from the general revenue fund, which exceeds those made for the two years previous upwards of \$320,000 for the purposes of employment of Supreme Court Commissioners, for constructing substantial buildings and in improving facilities for the higher education of the youth of our State, improving public buildings, State institutions, the capital building, for the relief and protection of the fire stricken city of our State, and deficiencies, all

of which were wisely made to meet the demands of the progress of our rapidly growing State, the tax rate to meet the expenses of the State government for the year 1901 can, if so directed by me, be reduced from three mills as provided by law, to two and a half mills.

I beg to assure you that it is a source of much gratification that this condition is found to exist, which has been accomplished by the successful management of the affairs of State by the administrative officers.

After the consideration of your report and recommendation, I have decided to reduce the tax rate from three (3) mills, as provided by law, to two and a half (2½) mills, and you are hereby authorized and empowered to direct the tax assessors to levy a two and a half mill tax on the real and personal property of the different counties for the year A. D. 1902, to be appropriated for the current expenditures of the State and for the interest on the bonded debt.

I have the honor to remain, Yours with much respect. W. S. JENNINGS, Governor.

THE SPIRIT OF WINTER.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

CAUGHT FIRE.

There was considerable excitement at Panama Springs Wednesday night about 11 o'clock. The laundry building caught fire from a defective flue, and was full ablaze when discovered.

Everybody turned out and fought manfully, and though the main hotel building was on fire in several places when discovered, it was saved with little damage.

The hotel is supplied all through with water and to this is due alone the fact that it is standing today. A high wind was blowing directly toward the hotel at the time.

Mr. Hall came up yesterday and will have all necessary repairs made at once.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I struck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c.

Are you looking for shoes? Serviceable shoes, good shoes, shoes that look well and wear well? If that is your object, read the change of ad of Mr. D. B. Meginniss, Jr., in this issue. Mr. Meginniss handles shoes and knows how to talk shoes, therefore if you want shoes it will pay you to give him a call.

ENTERTAINED EUCHE CLUB.

Jolly Gathering of Society Stars at Miss Randolph's.

Miss Randolph entertained the Young Ladies' Euchre Club Wednesday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent by a large number of young people, and the entertainment was declared a success in every particular.

The games were warmly contested and lively throughout, being enlivened by wit, humor and bright repartee. Miss Sarah Raney won one first and Mrs. T. Eugene Perkins the second prize for ladies, while Mr. T. Eugene Perkins captured first and Mr. R. H. Mickler second honors for gentlemen.

There were several ladies and gentlemen who tied in the number of progressions, and had to draw to declare the winners of the respective prizes. The hospitality of Mrs. J. S. Randolph is unsurpassed, and it is hardly necessary to say that the young people enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winthrop, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Rawls, Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Lively, Misses Clyde Raney, Elizabeth Pearce, Mary Lewis, Courtney Walker, Evelyn Winthrop, Jennie Brevard, Ella Nash, Jessie Edmondson, Letitia Rawls, Gertrude Chittenden, Edith Elliott, Eliza McDougall, Messrs. G. J. Winthrop, Frank Winthrop, C. M. Ausley, R. W. Williams, W. N. Sheats, G. E. Lewis, A. Harrison, L. M. Scarborough, R. F. Scarlett, L. G. Papy, Haywood Randolph, A. H. Williams, Earl and Charles Perkins, Edwin Barnes, J. A. Edmondson.

Mr. W. R. Wilson has a change of ad in this issue of The Tallahasseean. In it he makes a few pointed remarks that will be of interest to every reader of this paper. Mr. Wilson is one of the leading merchants of Middle Florida. He knows a bargain when he sees one, and is offering great inducements to secure the attention of prudent purchasers. Read his ad over carefully, then if you want real bargains, give him a call.

FINALLY DECIDED

Case Involved More Than \$96,000 Back Taxes

WAS DECIDED LAST MONDAY

Supreme Court Settled Matter in Favor of the State.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6. Hon. W. B. Lamar, Tallahassee, Fla. Judgment in Florida Central and Peninsular vs. Croom, comptroller, affirmed with costs. J. H. McKENNEY.

The above telegram received Monday by Attorney-General W. B. Lamar adds final to the closing chapter of one of the most important cases in which the State of Florida was ever engaged. It finishes a story that is of great interest to the people, and especially the tax-payers of the State, and means much to the different counties of the State.

It means that the celebrated suit of the State of Florida against the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company, for the collection of over \$96,000 in back taxes, and which has been in litigation for several years, has been decided in favor of the State by the highest court in the land. It was carried to the Supreme Court of the United States by the railroad company, and was finally argued before that body on October 28th. Attorney-General Lamar appeared for the State. The matter has been published in The Tallahasseean a number of times, but is of so much importance that we give a recapitulation of the story this week.

The history of the case may be summed up as follows:

The suit of the State of Florida vs. the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company for the collection of ninety-six thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars, sixty-nine cents, (\$96,181.69), was begun in September, 1892, and after several appeals, was on the 26th day of June, 1900, in the Supreme Court of Florida, decided in favor of the State of Florida, and the said sums will be distributed to the State and certain counties named below in the following proportions, if the case is finally settled in favor of the State of Florida:

County	Total Taxes for State Purposes.	Total Taxes for County Purposes.
Alachua, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	\$3,698.76	\$4,171.29
Alachua, taxes for 1879 and 1880.	3,500.00	4,250.00
Baker, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	3,453.12	3,453.12
Blaine, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	2,891.02	2,865.99
Blaine, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	873.84	2,393.00
Columbia, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	1,530.32	2,343.30
Columbia, taxes for 1879 and 1880.	3,624.34	3,602.93
Jefferson, taxes for 1879 and 1880.	3,624.34	3,624.34
Levy, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	1,613.58	3,624.34
Levy, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	4,326.90	7,312.17
Madison, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	4,911.84	7,934.00
Nassau, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	6,281.00	7,994.00
Wakulla, taxes for 1879, 1880 and 1881.	662.64	783.12
		\$52,805.91
		\$43,289.75

The amount Leon county will receive if the above litigation is successful on the part of the State of Florida, is the sum of \$7,423.20.

The Railroad Company carried the case to the Supreme Court of the United States in November, 1900. It has been pending there since that time. Attorney-General Lamar, who has all through this long litigation represented the State of Florida, went in person before the United States Supreme Court at Washington City on the 25th day of February, 1901, and presented the motion that the Court advance the said case for a hearing. The Court fixed the 28th day of October, 1901, for oral argument in the case. The Attorney-General went to Washington City at that time and argued the case for the State of Florida.

The United States Supreme Court decided the case on Monday last in favor of the State of Florida.

The railroad company was represented in the State of Florida by Hon. John A. Henderson, of Tallahassee, and Hon. T. L. Clarke, of Monticello, and was represented at Washington City by ex-Attorney-General of the United States Wayne McVeagh, and Mr. Frederick D. McKenney.

This litigation is the largest the State has ever had, and it was decided on three separate appeals from the Circuit Court, each time in the Supreme Court of Florida, in favor of the State of Florida.

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